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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON CHILE

1. OCT 10 CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO" ON FRONT PAGE AND ONE TABLOID IN INSIDE CARRIED AP REPORT BASED ON PUBLICATION OF JUNE 12, 1974 TESTIMONY BY DEPASSTSEC (ARA) SHLAUDEMAN. REPORT FEATURED WITNESS' STATEMENT THAT US HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CHILEAN "DESTABILIZATION," WHICH IT CONTRASTED WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S SEPT 16 STATEMENT. IT ALSO CARRIED LONG QUOTE OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN CONG FRASER AND WITNESS, BEGINNING WITH QUESTION ON "TOTALITARIAN" NATURE OF GOC. QUOTE INCLUDED WITNESS' STATEMENT INDICATING HIS RELUCTANCE TO APPEAR IN ROLE OF GOC DEFENDER, AND HIS JUDGMENT ON SELF-CENSORSHIP OF CHILEAN PRESS.

2. COMMENT. CHILEAN PRESS HAS MANY TIMES GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO CRITICISMS OF GOC FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. FACT IN ITSELF THAT CHILEANS CAN READ NASTY THINGS SAID ABOUT THEM IS FAIRLY GOOD INDICATION THAT CHILEAN SYSTEM IS NOT TOTALITARIAN. POPPER

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